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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED **EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, you may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

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1.	Su	bmis	sion re	equired under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114		
	a.	Pre	viously	submitted		
		I.	[]	Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on . (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)		
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	b.	End	losed	is/are:		
		1.	[X]	Amendment		
		ıi.	[]	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)		
		ıii.	[]	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)		
		IV.	[X]	Other: Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time		
2.	Mis	Miscellaneous				
	a.	[]	for a	ension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months) and the Fee of .00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.		
	b.	[]	Othe			
3.	Fe	es - T	he RC	CE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.		
	a.	[X]	Enclo	osed are checks in the amounts of \$370.00 and \$200.00 which cover:		
		1.	[X]	RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)		
		tİ.	[X]	Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)		
		iii.	[]	Other		
4.		the filing of this RCE necessitates an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a), the applicant hereby equests such extension of time.				
5 .	If th	nere i	is no c	heck enclosed, or if the amount of the enclosed check in this RCE is incorrect, the Director		

is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document is being placed in the United States mail with first-class postage attached, addressed to **BOX RCE**, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the 21st day of November, 2002

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